

BEST AVAILABLE COPYAttorney Docket No. P11899-US2
Customer Number 27045**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS****1.) Claim Amendments**

The Applicants have canceled claims 45-47 to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 1, 20, 38, 39, 41, 43, and 44 were previously canceled. Accordingly, claims 2-19, 21-37, 40, and 42 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 2-19, 21-37, 40 and 42. In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, it appears the Examiner inadvertently indicated that claim 41 was allowed instead of claim 42. However, claim 41 was previously canceled, and the Office Action Summary on page 1 correctly indicates that claim 42 is allowed.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 45-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Plevyak, et al. (US 6,308,214) in view of Diachina, et al. (US 5,701,298). The Applicants have canceled claims 45-47 to place the application in condition for allowance.

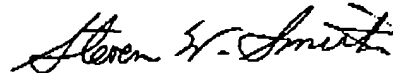
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 2-19, 21-37, 40, and 42.

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The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions ~~or requires~~ or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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